Locating Books in Kennedy Library


2. Use the Call Number (“address”) and Library Maps (by floor) to locate physical books in the library.

How to Read a Call Number: The Library of Congress Classification System uses a combination of letters and numbers to arrange materials on library shelves by subject.
Key Resources to Get Started at Kennedy Library

**Databases:** Access over 150 library databases that give you access to popular and scholarly articles, book chapters, conference proceedings, statistics, images, and more. Use the "Browse by Subject" drop down menu or search box to find the right subject-specific database for your topic.

**Research Guides:** Created by your College Librarians to highlight key resources and research concepts in major subjects or classes at Cal Poly. Look for a research guide on your major!

**Course Reserves:** Find course-specific and supplemental materials set aside by professors to check out from the library on short term loan. Search easily by course or instructor. Pick up physical items at the Circulation Desk (1st floor front desk).

**Website:** Can’t find what you need from the library? Search here for information on all of Kennedy Library’s spaces, technology, information resources, and services. Or search Google using site:lib.calpoly.edu.

**My account:** Log in with your Cal Poly credentials to your library account. Renew books online and keep track of your Interlibrary Loan requests.

**Chat with a Librarian, 24/7 Live Help:** Get online Research Help 24/7. Or come to our Research Help Desk on the 2nd floor.

**Textbook Match:** Check if your textbook is available for free online. We match assigned Cal Poly textbooks and Kennedy Library e-books each quarter. bit.ly/textbook-match

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